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Man is held after death at house in cul-de-sac

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A COMMUNITY is in shock after a mother is believed to have been murdered.

Those living in the quiet suburb of Two Mile Ash are stunned after 36-year-old, mum-of-one Kim Jeffery died following an incident at her home in Tavelhurst.

Officers from Thames Valley Police were called to the property at 8.46pm on Sunday following reports of a disturbance.

When they arrived they discovered she had suffered serious injuries after being stabbed and hit and she was pronounced dead at the scene shortly afterwards.

Neighbours on the small cul-de-sac gave their reaction to the news on Monday.

One couple, who did not want to be named, said: "It's a complete shock – she was such a lovely girl.

"We have been living away for a while and came back a few weeks ago and she was the first person to come over and welcome us back.

"She always had a smile and a wave for us.

"You don't expect it to happen on your doorstep. It hasn't really registered yet."

Kim Jeffery: Her body was found at her Two Mile Ash home on Sunday evening after police were called to a disturbance

A 37-year-old man was arrested at the scene on suspicion of murder.

At the time of MK NEWS going to press, he was still being held in police custody and had not been charged.

Police were also still waiting for formal identification of the body, which is expected to take place today.

For updates on this story as they happen, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

A scene of crime officer enters the house in Tavelhurst, Two Mile Ash

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University vision for growing city

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A MONORAIL, a university and extended grid roads are needed to help Milton Keynes continue to grow.

This is according to some of the city's key stakeholders, who met last week to discuss the ideas that should form part of the vision for the city's future.

At the meeting of the Milton Keynes City Centre Management (MKCCM) stakeholders, a panel, including MK Dons' chairman Pete Winkelman and Theo Chalmers, chairman of pressure group Urban Eden, talked about whether Milton Keynes still had a big city mentality and whether its big ideas are big enough.

They identified key areas that should be considered in order to draw national and international attention, to ensure businesses and people continue to come to Milton Keynes.

Commenting on the meeting, chairman of the MK Chamber of Commerce Rita Spada said: "Milton Keynes, recently recognised by the Centre for Cities as a hub of private sector and start-up growth, has to take advantage of the present window of opportunity to set out its stall and fulfil its potential as an international city with a difference.

"We must continue to attract and retain the people and business that will assure our future."

But some disagreed with what the panel were saying.

Isabella Fraser is a ward councillor for Campbell Park, and she said she is worried Milton Keynes could become a 'two-tier' city.

She said: "You get those living in areas where aspirations are not being met, like in Woughton.

"I'm hearing a lot of big ideas, but seeing no grand work to bring everyone up to the same level."

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Cheers to cellarman of the year

A PUB manager is celebrating after being presented with a special award to acknowledge his work.

Keith Pollitt, manager of The Red House in Newport Pagnell, was named Cellarman of the Year by Milton Keynes and North Bucks branch of Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) – an award they created specifically to recognise his achievements.

He said it will go a long way to helping him in his future career, saying: "Here we have got an uncertain future because the pub's going up for sale, so CAMRA endeavoured to create a new award that would have my name on it."

Real ale award: Keith Pollitt

25 firefighters tackle warehouse blaze

SWIFT action by firefighters prevented a blaze in a warehouse from spreading to three other units.

Crews from Bletchley, Great Holm and Broughton were called to the PHS Bathroom Showroom in Holdom Avenue, Bletchley, at 6.20pm on Friday.

At the fire's peak there were 25 firefighters at the scene.

Watch manager Dominic Smith, the incident commander, said: "The fire spread to the building, which was one of a block of four units, from two refuse bins outside.

"When we arrived it had broken through into the building, which was well alight inside.

"After forcing an entry, firefighters were able to bring it under control, limit the damage it caused and prevent it from spreading to the other units. They did a really good job."

Two teenagers robbed at knifepoint

TWO teenagers have been robbed at knifepoint in broad daylight.

The boys, aged 16 and 17, were confronted by two men who threatened them with a knife as they were walking back from the city centre to Oldbrook, via the underpass at the rear of Sainsbury's.

They handed over their wallets and £10 cash was taken.

The two offenders walked back towards the city centre in the direction of Sainsbury's.

One of them was black, aged 17 to 20, around 5ft 10ins, of muscular build with short black afro-style hair. He was wearing a black puffa style jacket, dark blue jeans and bright white trainers. This offender was carrying a knife with a six-inch serrated-edge blade and a pointed curved tip.

The second offender was white, approximately 5ft 8ins, 17 to 18 years old and of skinny build.

He was wearing a grey tracksuit with the hood up covering his hair, black trainers and blue cotton gloves.

Anyone with information about the robbery, which happened last Wednesday at 1.15pm, can call PC Shay Harper on 0845 8 505 505.

Rough justice: Carl Lewis outside his son's school where police officers tried to arrest him

Police made to pay for assault

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A FATHER-OF-TWO has received compensation from the police after he was assaulted by officers.

Police tried to arrest Carl Lewis, of Broughton, on November 10, 2006 outside Heronsgate Primary School in Walnut Tree before he was beaten by officers.

The 44-year-old had visited the shop opposite the school when police arrived saying he was under arrest for breaching an injunction placed on him by his ex-girlfriend – despite the fact he was more than a mile away from her home.

The IT specialist, who then lived on Springfield, said: "I knew that injunction off by heart and knew I'd done nothing wrong. They tried to handcuff me when some plain-clothed officers turned up. One of them swore at me and pepper sprayed me outside the school, in full view of my 11-year-old son. It's still etched on his mind."

When one of the officers attempted to pepper spray Mr Lewis for the second time, he punched them.

He added: "It ended up with me running for my life with about seven police officers chasing me. I ended up in someone's back garden where they had me on the floor face down. One of them stood on my face with their boot and another had a baton across my ankles and stood on it."

Mr Lewis was arrested and released 12 hours later at 4am after being charged with assaulting a police officer.

He pleaded not guilty to the offence and his trial was heard at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court in June 2007. He was acquitted after two days as it was believed he had acted in self defence.

In March this year he took the police to the High Court in London for assault, malicious prosecution and false imprisonment and on Wednesday last week he was awarded compensation and court costs.

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "Thames Valley Police is naturally disappointed with the outcome of this case, however, we obviously accept the jury's decision.

"We will not be appealing the decision and there are no plans for an internal investigation."

Finishing touches at tech centre

THE finishing touches are being made to a new multi-million pound learning centre at MK College.

The £6.3million, nine-month project has transformed the former Cottesloe School building, next to the college's campus in Chaffron Way, into a state-of-the-art technical learning centre for its engineering, construction, manufacturing and public services students.

Last week the latest engineering equipment, worth £200,000, was installed, including two computer numerical control machines, which can make high precision engineering parts.

Gavin Cross, head of engineering at MK College, said: "We collaborated with local businesses, not only to source the machines, but also to help us decide on the type of kit we needed to give our students the most comprehensive, up-to-date training."

The 5,200 sq m centre, which is due to open in September, includes eight open-plan workshops, bays for plumbing, gas training, welding and carpentry, 16 classrooms and two internal courtyard construction sites.

Mark Eustace, project director for the college, added: "These machines really are the final pieces of the jigsaw and complete what is a tremendous facility.

"The interlinked curriculum areas are designed so students from the different disciplines can work alongside each other seamlessly. It's an amazing place to learn."

Two men arrested after series of stabbings

TWO men have been arrested in connection with last week's stabbings.

A 19-year-old man was released on bail until May 5, while a 23-year-old man was bailed until May 16.

The stabbings took place last Monday when a 47-year-old was knifed in the leg by a man as she walked on the bridge in Wandsworth Place, Bradwell Common, near the YMCA, at about 2.15am.

The second stabbing happened at about 8.45am, in an underpass in Saxon Gate East near the town centre, when a 41-year-old woman was stabbed in the leg as she walked to work near the job centre. Both victims needed hospital treatment.

The third incident took place in Cleavers Avenue, Conniburrow, at about 1.45pm as a 58-year-old woman cycled towards the city centre. She was stabbed in the arm and suffered minor injuries.

Anyone with information is urged to call the police on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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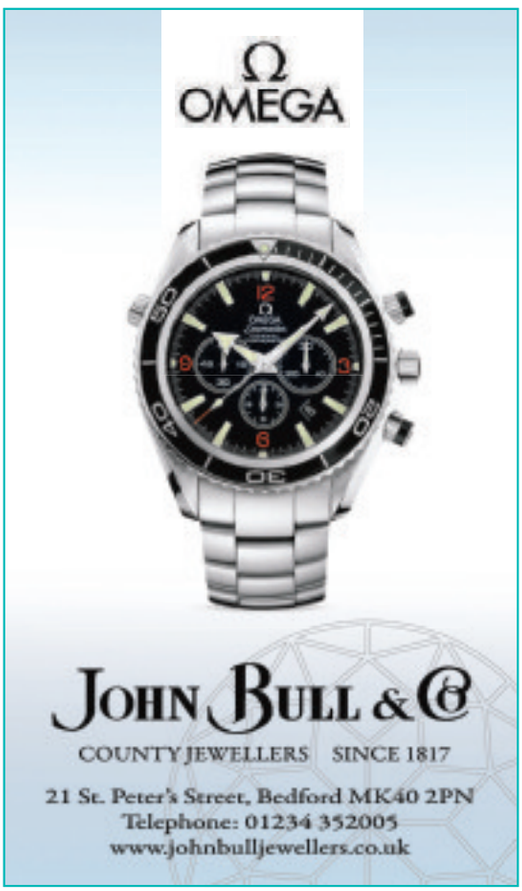

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'Free'parkers problem is getting worse by the day

SIR – I read your article on resident parking problems (MK NEWS, April 6).

I live on Bradwell Common and over the last few weeks the number of people parking in my small area of parking bays has doubled, so much so the 'regular' railway station visitors have to park in the next section of bays because other people are filling the spaces early in the morning.

By the time I leave for work at 7am the bays are full and the other bays are getting filled. When I get home I cannot park and it makes me angry because I live there and they clearly don't.

I think eventually, apart from the lack of room for residents to park, it will entice car thieves who will no doubt be watching which cars are staying on a regular basis.

Bottom line is, it's not fair.
Name and address supplied

■ SIR – Workers are parking their cars in dangerous positions and the situation is getting worse by the day.

The affected areas at the moment on Bradwell Common are Wisley Avenue, Wandsworth Place, Ardbrook Avenue and Eelbrook Avenue.

Cars are parking on junctions, roundabouts and, worst of all, outside a nursery.

Is the council going to wait until an accident happens or a child is knocked down on their way to school before it does anything to sort out the problem?

These areas, including Conniburrow, should be monitored in the mornings just to see the number of cars that are parking in residential areas.

These people are making residents' lives a misery – I just wonder how many of them would like it outside their homes?

I am sure they would not put up with what residents here have to put up with.
Barbara Dawson
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – There is the same parking situation in Gurnards Avenue and Padstow Avenue on Fishermead.

Residents often cannot find spaces to park.

So many cars cause an additional hazard in case of emergencies (that quite often happens in this area).
Name and address supplied

■ SIR – In response to the article on parking 'cheats'.

I live in Wolverton and have problems with parking.

I was told by Milton Keynes Council last year that cars can be parked anywhere that has been adopted by the highways, as long as you park legally - ie not on the pavement or obstructing driveways.

Just because you rent or own your property does not give you the automatic right to park outside your house.

Have we really lost all common courtesy? Would they like it if we parked outside their houses?

Maybe if we all stopped and thought about each other we would see that the residents are not the ones that should be suffering but the council for its short-sightedness in firstly allowing inadequate parking on estates, secondly having roads not wide enough to accommodate parking either side of the road and thirdly raising parking charges which affects businesses as well as us.

I am now left wondering that if these residents are successful in their campaign, does that mean we can all claim our streets back? Probably not!

Am I being cynical? Yes I am.
Name and address supplied

■ SIR – I live in a small development of just two streets off Church Green Road in Bletchley.

Our development is in close proximity to both the college and the railway station and every day our streets become a car park for inconsiderate commuters and students.

These drivers either park at the entrance to the road – which is barely wide enough for two cars – making it extremely difficult and dangerous to get in or out.

They also come into the street and take up car parking spaces designed for residents.

The council has decided, after many years of pleading, to install double yellow lines at the entrance to our street.

However, these were promised in February and are yet to materialise.

Also we have contacted the council many times over the past year about making our streets residents' permit parking but have had no response.

Our MP Iain Stewart has also tried to help, but so far he has found it equally difficult to get the council to take action.
Megan Johnson
Sent by e-mail
For more on residents' parking problems, turn to page 13

Concerns about council

SIR – You reported last week that Milton Keynes Council insists people are satisfied with the way it runs and this statement is highly debatable.

The public in Milton Keynes are seriously concerned over some of the recent projects carried out by the council such as the A5130 Busway, Crownhill crematorium, Secklow Gate bridge and so on.

I wrote a letter to your paper expressing my concern regarding the number of potholes in West Bletchley streets, especially in The Linx.

So far no action has been taken to fill the potholes and they are getting bigger and bigger.
Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

Library survey online

SIR – You will know that Milton Keynes Council voted to continue funding the library for another 12 months. But what happens then?

The Friends of Stony Stratford Library (FoSSL) are working hard behind the scenes and have prepared a survey which is now live online.

The results will be a very important tool in helping to shape the library's future, both in our discussions with the council and in determining the wishes and needs of the people who use it (or don't – and we'd like to hear from them too). Please encourage everyone you know locally to respond. It is crucial that we take the initiative in order not to lose it altogether.

The webpage is at www.fossl.org.uk.
Jon Day
On behalf of FoSSL

'Nobody's' decision

SIR – Regarding the ongoing saga of the reopening of Secklow Gate bridge.

It seems, at one time, £215,000 would have achieved the necessary repairs. Inertia and indecisiveness within Milton Keynes Council has now quadrupled this figure.

A council report states that 'a small provision' should be made in the 2010/11 accounts to mitigate against the risk that insurers will not stand the full amount. My experience of insurance companies tells me that it would be highly surprising if they did, in a simple situation which has been grossly exacerbated by inexplicable delay and inept decision making.

Who is responsible for these costly non-decisions? It cannot be 'nobody'.
Mike Saunders
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – What with the taxpayer already helping to foot the bill after the banks failed, we now find that, through incompetence, Milton Keynes Council is going to land us with more to pay.

The bill for keeping Secklow Gate closed seems to rise every time I read a news article.

On top of that there is now the fiasco of the delayed Busway road widening scheme.

How many front-line services could have been saved with the money?

How many more stories are we yet to read about?
Tricia Humphries
Castle Rose, Woughton Park

Cadets streets ahead

SIR – On behalf of Milton Keynes Sea Cadet Corps, our heartfelt thanks to the people of Bletchley for their magnificent response to our street collection on Saturday, April 3.

We collected £386, all of which will be spent on providing watersports equipment for the use of our cadets.
Michael Allen
Unit chairman

Horses for courses

SIR – Like many people who live in Milton Keynes, I enjoy using our lovely parks for exercise and leisure.

My enjoyment of Caldicotte Park has been spoilt over the past few years by horse riders who do not stick to the bridleways provided in this park.

They damage the grass at the side of the leisure paths and allow their horses to defecate on the paths.

I presume the park rangers condone this behaviour as nothing appears to have been done to prevent it. I hope the Parks Trust will address this problem.
Mr C Barron
Walnut Drive, Fenny Stratford

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John Wakefield with one of his sculptures that are in a play area at Brooklands

Wooden menagerie moves in at kids' play area

A VARIETY of new animals have moved into a new children's play area.

The play area at the new Brooklands development is now home to a menagerie of wooden creatures, specially commissioned for the site which is still under construction.

They have all been created by renowned wood sculptor John Wakefield, whose carved figures can be seen in public spaces all over the country.

The animals are big enough to climb or sit on and the artist says he loves producing pieces for children because: "Once they climb up on them and their imagination takes flight it can take them anywhere."

Arson fears over pub mosque plan

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS

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A RESIDENT living near a disused pub fears it will be burnt down if it is turned into a mosque.

Winifred Penner, who lives near The Plough Pub in Manor Road, Bletchley, is worried about a possible backlash if plans to transform it into a Muslim place of worship are approved by Milton Keynes Council tomorrow.

The 83-year-old, who has lived in Manor Road for more than 60 years, said: "I'm worried that if anyone's against it they might do some damage - and we're right by it.

"There's good and bad in everyone, so I can't say I don't want the mosque there, but I've heard rumours that they're going to burn it down if it gets given the go-ahead.

"Just a few weeks ago somebody threw a whole pig's head on the roof."

Following reports of repeated vandalism, the police and Milton Keynes Council have even been forced to install CCTV overlooking the former music venue.

Paul Saunders, 63, who also lives in Manor Road, added: "It's a great concern, the BNP have been there already. Somebody has already got up onto the roof and painted 'NO' on it."

Residents have also raised concerns about the extra traffic the mosque, which will have a morgue, wash room and community hall, will create and parking problems.

The council's planning committee will be discussing the plans at its meeting in the Civic Offices tomorrow at 7pm.

To find out its decision, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

Porter not guilty of poisoning school soup

A KITCHEN porter accused of poisoning food meant for pupils has been found not guilty.

Maxwell Cook, 58, of Syresham, Northants, was cleared of administering poison with intent to injure, aggrieve or annoy at Aylesbury Crown Court last Wednesday.

He was arrested on March 12, 2010, after it was alleged he poured sanitising destainer into soup at Stowe School near Buckingham. None of the soup was served and no-one was injured.

DI Russ Murden, from Aylesbury CID, said: "I am satisfied with the court's verdict and do not envisage reinvestigating this incident. I would like to thank both Stowe School and all witnesses for their assistance during this investigation.

"Thames Valley Police will continue to fully investigate all allegations of foul play and particularly those incidents which affect young and vulnerable people."

Woman died in rush hour train toilet fire

A WOMAN killed when a fire broke out on a commuter train is believed to have committed suicide.

Chaos was caused at rush hour on Monday after the 43-year-old woman died in the fire, believed to have broken out in the toilet of the 4.25pm Northampton to London Euston train.

The London Midland train stopped at Leighton Buzzard just after 5pm and all passengers got off. No-one else was hurt.

British Transport Police officers attended the scene and a spokesman said no-one else was involved in the incident, which is not being treated as an accident.

A London Midland spokesman said: "We apologise to those passengers disrupted by this tragic incident.

"London Midland tickets were accepted by other operators and buses used as rail replacement services.

"We would like to thank all of the passengers, who were very patient and understanding."

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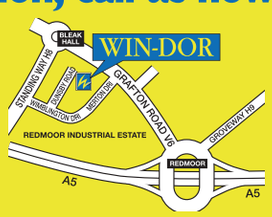

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White Spire's headteacher, Maria Penicud, said: "This gift will make a huge difference. Off-site visits are an integral part of our learning programme."

Council loses High Court HiMO case

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE council is risking paying out huge amounts of compensation to landlords to ensure the safety of the city's residents.

That is according to the councillor in charge of planning at Milton Keynes Council after the High Court ruled on Monday in favour of Government legislation to allow landlords to turn their properties in Houses in Multiple Occupation (HiMOs) without planning permision.

To tackle the new rules, the council enforced an Article 4 direction which means landlords still have to apply for planning permission.

However, as it was introduced without 12-months' notice, any landlord who has an application rejected, or approved with conditions, will be able to seek compensation for loss of earnings.

Councillor Mike Galloway, in charge of planning, said the risk of compensation, which could be around a maximum of £30,000 each time, is something he is willing to accept if it means those living in HiMOs are safe.

He said: "We believe protecting all residents is so important that we had to take the court action, but we have to do what we can within the rules of the law. If we don't have control over HiMOs, we might not know they exist."

The council is now considering whether to appeal.

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Hospital boss has no superbug fears

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A HOSPITAL boss is reassuring patients after a watchdog reported issues with infection control on one of its wards.

Concerns over Milton Keynes Hospital's infection prevention and control come as scientists warn about a national rise in the number of superbugs.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) released its report last Wednesday, which also highlighted problems with the hospital's respect of patients' dignity, keeping records updated and confidential and ensuring patients' mental capacity was fully assessed.

Mark Millar, interim chief executive at Milton Keynes Hospital, said: "I'm not worried about the superbug.

'It's a great hospital – if they needed treatment, I'd send my family here': MK Hospital boss Mark Millar

"It's a great hospital and patients shouldn't be worried – if they needed treatment, I'd send my family here.

"An action plan was put in place when the report was issued and beside the CQC making its own checks, we will be carrying out checks in the same way. We've all got to try and get everything right all of the time – and that's what we aspire to. The staff feel that what the CQC saw was a snapshot and not the whole picture."

The report was issued on the same day that the 12 restrictions previously enforced on the maternity unit following the deaths of three babies in three years were lifted.

Roxy Boyce, regional director of the CQC, said: "It is clear that Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has made considerable progress.

"However, we were disappointed that the trust was not meeting all essential standards of quality and safety. These are the standards of care anyone should be able to expect in any hospital. We will return to the trust in the near future to ensure that improvements have been made."

Charity evening raises £5,500 for hospice

MORE than 200 people attended a charity event to raise money for Willen Hospice.

The evening, at the Holiday Inn, Newport Pagnell, raised £5,500 with a hair show catwalk, singing and dancing acts and an auction. Special guests at the event included MK Dons' manager, Karl Robinson, and city mayor, councillor Debbie Brock.

The event, on Thursday, was organised by Nikki Bennet, owner of Universal Hair Studios in Grange Farm and Broughton.

She said: "It went very well. I wanted to raise money for Willen Hospice because a very close friend of mine lost her father last year and Willen Hospice was a great help."

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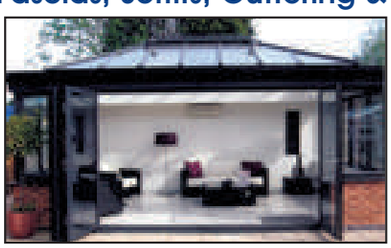
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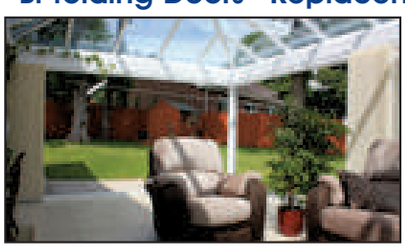
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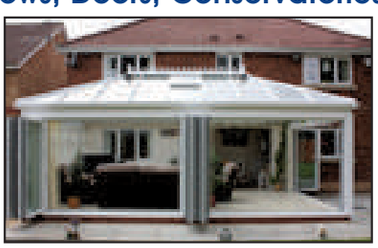
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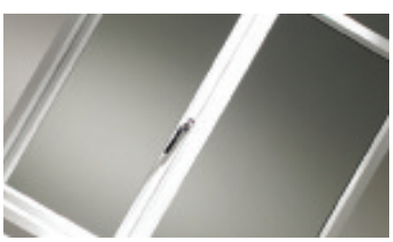

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Masterchef misery

THE city's representative in BBC1's Masterchef cookery contest was knocked out last week.

James Perry, 25, from Great Linford, who had the show's logo tattooed on his chest, almost made it to the final but was eliminated last week after disappointing three restaurant critics with his food.

Indoor bowls boost

A CHARITY indoor bowls game in Bletchley made £650 for the Milton Keynes Community Cardiac Group on Sunday.

As well as the charity game, organised by Bletchley Indoor Bowls Club and Hertsmere Leisure Group, the team also raised £100 as part of the MK Community Foundation car raffle.

MP rails over trains

IAIN Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, has written to the Transport Minister, Theresa Villiers MP, over ongoing disruption to rail services by London Midland. The action by Mr Stewart, also a member of the national Transport Select Committee, was in response to complaints he has received from constituents.

Jabs reminder

PARENTS are being urged to ensure they protect their children's health by making sure they receive all their vaccinations.

NHS Milton Keynes is appealing for more parents to get jabs for their children as preschool boosters are currently only around 87 per cent, and two doses of MMR are at 84 per cent.

'Top-out' at new green rail centre

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THE new Network Rail National Centre will be the most eco-friendly building in the country when it's finished.

The announcement was made yesterday at the building's 'topping-out' ceremony, attended by the company's new chief executive David Higgins and Milton Keynes Mayor, councillor Debbie Brock.

The building, next to Central Milton Keynes Railway Station, is the first to be designed and built to meet the highest Government guidelines. Introduced in 2008, the guidlines categorise how environmentally sustainable a building is.

On the roof will be 'green' areas, which will be turfed without anything planted in order to catch passing seeds, and there will even be a fruit and vegetable garden with the produce used in the cafeteria.

Mr Higgins, the former chief executive of English Partnerships who helped to set up development quango Milton Keynes Partnership, said: "Network Rail is a green organisation – rail is an environmentally friendly way to travel and we have a high level of recycling everything from rails to sleepers.

"The fact we are building a place that is going to be very green in terms of usage fits in with that philosophy."

Around 900 of the 3,000 employees that will eventually work there are now working in the city, with a third of those having been recruited locally.

Although employees will be moved from other areas of the country, Mr Higgins said there will be good employment opportunities for Milton Keynes.

Network Rail employees are now being asked to suggest a name for the building, which is expected to be announced in around six weeks time.

Network Rail chief executive David Higgins

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Council set to look into car parking complaints

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A REVIEW will be carried out into parking on a city estate following a spate of complaints.

As reported in last week's MK NEWS, residents in Conniburrow are fed up with their roads and parking spaces being clogged with the cars of city centre workers and shoppers.

Those we spoke to said the problem has got worse after more than 3,000 free council-run city centre parking spaces were scrapped in January.

Now readers from other areas including Bradwell Common and Fishermead have got in touch to say parking is also bad in their areas.

In response to these concerns, Milton Keynes Council will be carrying out a survey in Conniburrow, which will look at the effects of the new arrangements compared with data from before the changes were implemented.

A spokesman said: "We would be very keen to talk to these residents and if the evidence stacks up we will look at introducing restrictions such as resident-only parking.

"That said, we have only been made aware of potential problems in one street in Conniburrow, Cleaver's Avenue."

City workers and shoppers are leaving their cars on residential roads

Meanwhile Bletchley resident Megan Johnson wrote in to say where she lives, Downing Close and Girton Way, 'becomes a car park' every day for commuters and drivers.

The council said double yellow lines will be put in soon and a review of the impact of parking behaviour will be carried out at a later date.

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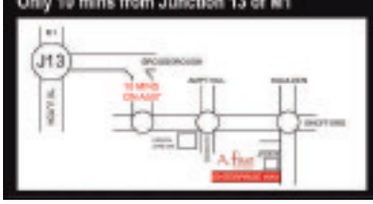

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Retirement village showhomes open

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A SECOND retirement village housing more than 450 people is set to open in Milton Keynes.

Shenley Wood Village, similar to the world-famous Lovat Fields in Willen Park, will provide independent living for the over-55s.

Facilities, open to both village and city residents, will include gyms, libraries and arts and crafts centres. There will also be support and trips offered by the creator of the scheme – The ExtraCare Charitable Trust.

Ann Allen, capital appeals manager at the trust, said: "Milton Keynes is yet again leading the way. Older people don't want to just sit and wait to die, they want to continue to live and learn and contribute. All we do is enable them to do that.

"To live at the village will cost a nominal amount and we will help people to ensure they have the benefits they are entitled to."

The first 184 apartments are due to open in spring 2012, while a further 116 are planned for 2013. Each one will have its own front door, kitchen, living room and one or two bedrooms.

Show homes at the village were opened on Friday by city mayor Cllr Debbie Brock and key volunteer Brian Hobbs.

Lincoln Hoole of the Shenley Wood Village team and Ann Allen, capital appeals manager of The ExtraCare Charitable Trust, at the soon-to-be-opened Shenley Wood Village

Cllr Brock said: "I was really impressed with it all. It offers great opportunities for the elderly population. Lovat Fields has been a great success and I think this one will be as well."

The ExtraCare Charitable Trust is appealing for donations to help raise £1million needed to fund village centre facilities such as a bistro, gardening suite and hair and beauty salon.

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Bill Griffiths, curator of Milton Keynes Museum with some of the artefacts from he Wolverton Works Foremans' Association

Historic rail collection on display at museum

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A UNIQUE set of exhibits from one of the oldest railway works in the world has gone on display at Milton Keynes Museum.

The historic Wolverton Works collection, which includes the original works boardroom table, railway company crests and plaques, the original wax seals from the 19 constituent railways that made up The Lancs and Yorks Railway and Royal Train artefacts, has been loaned to the museum from the Wolverton Works Foremans' Association.

Most of the items have never been publicly seen before as they were on private display in the Royal Train Foremans' Office, which closed when the last holder of the post retired in 2010 after 35 years of service.

The permanent exhibition, which is a joint project between the museum, The Living Archive, Wolverton Works and MK Council, was opened last Wednesday by the mayor, councillor Debbie Brock and former works employees, including Stan Butler.

Stan joined Wolverton in 1944, was appointed as foreman of the Royal Train in 1966 and was in charge of it until his retirement in 1993, clocking up 784 trips.

Bill Griffiths, curator of the museum at Stacey Hill Farm, Wolverton, feels it is an important exhibition as a lot of what happened at Wolverton Works has been forgotten.

He said: "A lot of what Wolverton Works made are big things like carriages, which have since been restored, so there is very little on show now that is actually its work. This exhibition showcases some of that original work."

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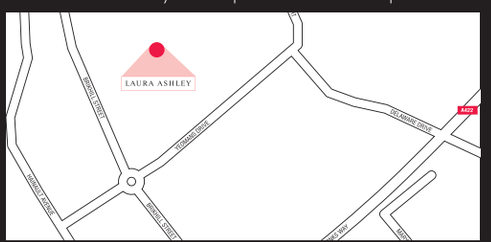

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Have your say on rebuilding centre

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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RESIDENTS are being asked to have their say on plans to rebuild a community centre that was destroyed by an arson attack.

Conniburrow Pavilion was a lifeline to hundreds of people in the area who used it for child care, youth groups, sporting events, education, religious meetings and socialising.

But on the night of Friday, August 6 last year, it was destoyed after it was set on fire.

Since then, a group of trustees has been meeting to plan rebuilding it and they say it will be bigger and better than before.

The new £800,000 development could include improved changing facilities, a better kitchen and spaces available for booking which were previously so vital to those living in the area. It could also include a baseball diamond, but before anything is decided the trustees will be carrying out public consultations.

Pictured from left: Pauline Wallis, Anne Ovans, Joy Cowell and Theo Findlay, some of the trustees in charge of rebuilding the pavilion

Joy Cowell, chairman of Conniburrow Community Association, said: "The new pavilion will bring the community back to life and provide the facilities for everyone to enjoy. It's about having the different activities for the community to be able to come together in one place."

A meeting to update residents and to get their views on what they would like to see at the centre will be held at Germander Park School on April 28 at 7pm.

A consultation newsletter has also been sent out.

■ Three men were arrested for the arson, but later released without charge. Police are still appealing for information and witnesses are urged to call 0845 8 505 505.

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Railway station wait almost over

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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An artist's impression of the new Wolverton railway station

WORK is set to start this spring on a new £2.2million railway station.

The new station in Wolverton will boast a new ticket office and booking hall, a seated waiting area and toilet facilities and will replace the current one.

Ward councillor for Wolverton, Mike Galloway, said: "I've been involved in this long before I even joined Milton Keynes Council.

"It has taken a long time to get up and running, due to funding problems with central government and getting permission from Network Rail.

"The changes, while they cannot improve the rail service, are important. Having somewhere decent to wait, particularly when the weather and light are poor, is essential for safe rail travel."

The new station has been designed by BPR Architects and on Friday council officers will decide which building company is awarded the contract.

The news was welcomed by one Wolverton Park resident who lives opposite the development.

He said: "I'm a bit worried about the construction, with the noise and traffic. We've only just moved here and having something being built so soon is a bit of a blow.

"But having seen the artist's impression, I think it will look good. It will be nice to have something out there, because at the minute it looks quite uninviting."

City health services changes announced

RESULTS of a public consultation on the future of the city's health service have been released.

It has been decided Milton Keynes PCT will take on three more health visitors in 2012 to provide support to new parents, while the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies service, which supports adults with depression and anxiety, will be available in all 16 GP practices rather than just 12.

The end of life psychologist post, which was under threat, has been saved and there are plans to create an integrated reproductive health service so people can get more help at a single appointment.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, a chemotherapy service will also be set up at Milton Keynes Hospital so patients don't have to travel to Northampton.

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Residents create art

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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MORE than 300 residents on a deprived city estate have painted a mural to encourage more pride in the area.

Children, adults, the parish council and an artist painted the mural on the wall behind the Netherfield shopping centre last Tuesday.

Artist Simon Jackson has lived on the estate for 17 years and has been working with pupils from Langland Community School for the past three months on the 60-panel mural showing the potential beauty of Netherfield.

Mr Jackson said: "It was an idea I came up with to get the community involved with artwork and producing a mural to place on a rather ugly wall at the back of shopping centre.

"We came up with the idea of panels which the children and parents could paint for themselves, which could also be replaced if they got vandalised.

"The response we have had has been wonderful. It's been like a mirror, encouraging people to take more pride in their homes.

"Netherfield has a bad reputation but I've lived here for 17 years and I'm very reluctant to move anywhere else."

Donations and work from Woughton Community Council have played a key part in the project's success, as well as contributions from parents at Hedgerows Nursery School on the estate.

Artist Simon Jackson with some of his little Netherfield helpers

A spokesman from Woughton Community Council said: "We were pleased to have been involved in this community project which has involved local adults and children alike and has significantly brightened up an area of the local centre."

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War and tsunami orphans need help

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A CHARITY is crying out for sponsorship after 26 orphaned children were left on its doorstep.

Great Linford-based Hope Outreach UK has around 90 volunteers who travel to Sri Lanka on a regular basis to organise and help with things like medical, vision and dental clinics, educational programmes and loaning small amounts of money to widows.

The charity also built and now helps to fund and run three children's welfare homes, to cater for youngsters who lost their families and homes in the recent civil war and tsunami disaster.

It is at one of these homes that 26 orphans, all aged between seven and 12, were left by the state in January.

Dr Sam Muthuveloe, one of the charity's trustees, said they are now desperate for sponsorship to help care for the children.

He said: "They are emaciated, they look pathetic, there's fear etched all over their faces, they are malnourished and they have a haunting look in their eyes.

"We are looking to support them for board, schooling, food and clothing, which will cost around £30 per month, per child, or £1 per day.

"We will communicate with all the donors on a regular basis."

Dr Muthuveloe said there are currently a lot of psycho-social problems in the country, with four attempted and failed suicides every day.

He added: "In one of our cases, a mother poisoned herself and her baby. She died but her baby survived.

"We look after them until they are around 18 or 19, then we cease to be responsible for them. Eight from one orphanage went to university last year and four went into nursing, so we direct them to vocational courses.

"When you get them into a place, keep them together and give them opportunities, they thrive."

■ For more information on the work of the charity, visit www.hopeoutreach.org.uk.

Some of the orphans cared for by Hope Outreach UK

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At its debut on April 5, 1996 the lottery sold 3,274 tickets.

Today it averages around 11,000 ticket sales each week.

Easter eggs for hospital

THE team at right4staff have launched its Big Egg Appeal.

They are collecting Easter eggs to deliver to children at Milton Keynes General Hospital.

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Chris Jackson with his son, Aaron. Chris is running the London Marathon in aid of the RNID after it helped Aaron with his hearing difficulties

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Great Holm firefighters David Pike and Aaron Brinklow will be raising money for Helen and Douglas House children's hospice in Oxford where David's son, Ross – pictured with his dad – spends two weeks each year

FUNDRAISERS will be pounding the streets of London on Sunday to raise money for charity.

Chris and Catherine Jackson, David Pike, Aaron Brinklow and Shamal Waraich are just a handful of locals gearing up for the London Marathon in aid of their chosen charities.

Great Holm firefighters David Pike and Aaron Brinklow will take on the gruelling 26-mile challenge to raise money for Helen and Douglas House children's hospice in Oxford, which helps care for David's son Ross who suffers from Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Mr Pike, 43, said: "Ross has a degenerative muscle wasting condition that has no cure. Helen and Douglas House was the world's first children's hospice and Ross spends 14 nights there a year where he can do what he likes. It costs £4,500,000 a year to run."

Ambulance worker Chris Jackson and his wife Catherine will raise funds for The Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID), which has supported their seven-year-old son Aaron who has hearing difficulties.

Mr Jackson, 39, of Hanslope, said: "Aaron has hearing difficulty in both of his ears meaning he has to wear hearing aids. And yet, he goes on with life like anybody else, despite having speech difficulties which he has had to work hard to overcome. The RNID has really supported us."

Shamal Waraich, 26, a fashion designer from Emerson Valley, will raise money for Sense after experiencing eyesight trouble due to a damaged cornea.

As previously reported in MK NEWS, others who will be putting on their running shoes include Andrew Waller, Mark Lombardo, Julia Bradbury and Jo Miller, all of whom will raise money for cancer charities.

Lee Mould will also be taking part to raise money for The Child Bereavement Charity following the death of his five-year-old son Harry.

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Mascots in training for Olympics

COSTUMES are being fluffed and giant boots are being polished which must mean one thing – the Mascot Olympics are back.

Up to 30 mascots from around the UK will battle through six events during the day in a quest to find the ultimate Olympic Champion at this annual Theatre District family event.

Supporting children's charity Milton Keynes Play Association (MKPA), the event will feature an exciting line up of activities including shows from Parkour the free runners and free workshops and displays from dance act Desperate2Dance.

MKPA delivers hundreds of free play sessions during the summer holidays and supports afterschool clubs and uniformed, faith and community groups with training and resources to ensure the children in MK have the best possible play opportunities.

Dozens of mascots from all over the country will be taking part on the day and Milton Keynes will be well represented by MK Dons' Donnie and Mooie, Play 360's Twizzle and Twirl, Xscape's Ape, Pucky from MK Lightning and Bearemy from Build a Bear

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The research, by mobile and broadband comparison website Top10.com, shows this compares to the national 3G download speed average of 2.62Mbps.

The results reveal a significant variation in mobile broadband download speeds across the UK's major towns and cities.

Half of the ten slowest towns and cities for 3G mobile broadband speeds are in the north of England, with an average download speed of 2.21Mbps recorded in Liverpool and 2.35Mbps in Hull. Meanwhile Birmingham sits at tenth with an average download speed of 2.43Mbps.

Isabel Hicks: Helped arrange flowers for Charles and Diana's wedding

A florist to royalty

A FLORIST will have a close eye on the royal wedding later this month after helping to arrange flowers for Charles and Diana's big day.

Isabel Hicks, 49, now a florist at Frost Garden Centre in Woburn Sands, first began working for Edward Goodyear florists in 1980.

She had been working for the firm, then based at Claridges Hotel in London, for a year when she was asked to arrange flowers for the bridesmaids of the royal wedding.

She said: "It was really exciting. I was 19 at the time and the company had the Royal Warrant for the Queen.

"When Charles and Diana announced their engagement the company was chosen to do the flowers for Diana's bridesmaids. I worked with a team of 12 arranging flowers for the bridesmaids' baskets and headdresses. It was wonderful.

"While I was working at Claridges the royal family also held banquets there and I personally arranged the flowers for Charles and Diana's table at a royal banquet.

"I also bumped into Diana once when she was a nanny. She had brought her children to the hotel for afternoon tea, when one of her charges ran into the room where I was. As I was taking the child back, Diana ran in after him and we collided."

■ With the wedding of William and Kate taking place on Friday, April 29, MK NEWS wants to know what you have planned to celebrate the occasion.

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Saints go marching on

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Saints and Ulster fans mingled in the glorious sunshine before taking their seats in the sold-out stadium to enjoy a 23-13 victory for Northampton, which means they will return to Milton Keynes for their Heineken Cup semi-final against Perpignan on Sunday, May 1 at 3pm.

Saints had taken a third minute lead through a converted try from Soane Tonga'uha, but two penalties from influential Ulster fly half Ian Humphreys and a converted score from Andrew Trimble saw them move in front. But a fine length-of-the-field move from England stars Chris Ashton and Ben Foden was finished by scrum half Lee Dickson in the 55th minute to give them the win.

Pete Winkelman, chairman of MK Dons, who play at stadiummk, said: "We tried to make it a home from home for the Saints' fans, which I think we did. Milton Keynes has shown what it can do and hopefully we can do even better in the future."

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Your guide to what's on in Milton Keynes over the Easter weekend

What's on this Easter...

What is Easter?

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, which according to Christian belief happened on the third day after his crucifixion. In the Roman Catholic Church, Easter is an eight-day feast called the Octave of Easter. Many Christian denominations celebrate this resurrection on Easter Day or Easter Sunday.

The first Easter eggs, dating back thousands of years were painted red and the tradition of painting eggs (goose, duck or hen) continued and became more elaborate through the centuries.

The first chocolate eggs appeared in the early 1800s, although the nature of chocolate (at that time) made creating a hollow egg something of an achievement. A hundred years later the improved chocolate making process plus mass production created the commercially available, relatively low cost, chocolate Easter Egg and within the following hundred years it became the dominant gift for Easter.

As well as the giving and receiving of traditional gifts, Easter is also a symbol of spring approaching with, hopefully, better weather & longer days. The extended Easter weekend is also an ideal chance to get together with family and friends to enjoy the activities on offer in Milton Keynes.

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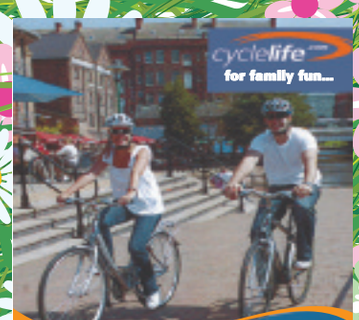

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Shopkeeper wanted by homes developer

BY ADAM GRINSELL
adam.grinsell@mk-news.co.uk

A DEVELOPER is looking for a traditional shopkeeper to help build a new community.

Places for People has plans for a village shop at its 2,500-home Brooklands development, in the east of the city, and is looking for a local entrepreneur to take it on and make it a centrepiece of the new community.

Project director Simon Elcock said: "We want it to be a real village shop at the very heart of the community.

"Our vision for the store is that it should draw everyone together and be a place where people meet their new neighbours and form the kind of friendships which knit villages together."

Mr Elcock is so keen to get the right person in place that he is offering a deal to whoever takes it on.

He said: "We want to make it possible for someone to come in who has not necessarily got huge funds at their disposal but has got great ideas and drive.

"The right candidate could have a profit share rental arrangement and hopefully that would be a great incentive for them to really get the shop buzzing."

Simon Elcock wants a traditional shop in Brooklands

It is hoped the shop will sell traditional things like milk and newspapers, but will also specialise in stocking high quality, locally-grown produce, as well as having the potential for a coffee area.

Budding shopkeepers who think they might be up to the challenge should contact Anna Dodson by e-mail at anna.dodson@placesforpeople.co.uk, or call 01908 608476.

Grant request for new rail link plans

THE first step towards the construction of the planned £200million East West Rail line has been made.

Milton Keynes Council, along with businesses and other organisations in the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP), has applied to the Government for a £4million grant to undertake planning and consultation for the western section of the route, which would run through Bletchley Railway Station.

The consultation programme would be required before Government will release the full funding to build the scheme and it is hoped by SEMLEP that construction would start by 2014/15.

The route would skirt the southern edge of Milton Keynes and would include improvements to Bletchley station.

SEMLEP said the project will benefit Milton Keynes, creating closer connections for high-tec buisinesses, and is good news for the general economy.

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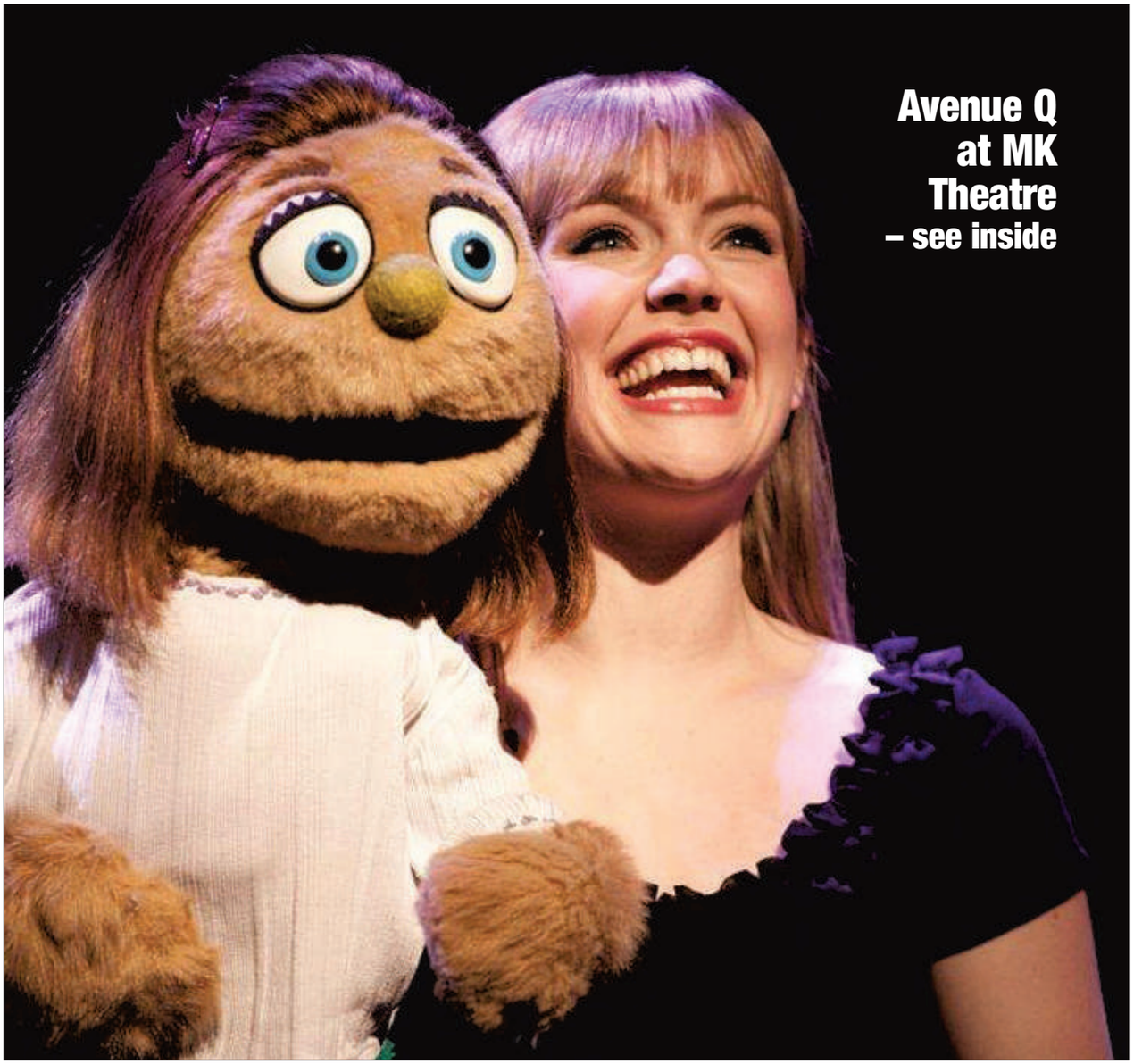

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GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS

Ultra Girls

OH, HOORAY! Just what the world needed, yet another girl band launching their career with a 'girls are better than boys' single.

Apparently, girls will not only be girls, they're also trouble with a capital T.

Last I heard, Trouble (with a capital T, no less) was a defunct satellite TV channel, so on the face of it you might think that's not the same thing at all.

Think about it logically though – Trouble is probably defunct because not enough people paid attention when it was around, and if the Ultra Girls persist in releasing sub-par drivel like this they may well follow in its wake.

Therefore, Ultra Girls = Trouble.

ALLIGATOR SKY

Owl City

THIS song has a key-change at the end. That in itself is a very bad sign, but I had to listen to the rest of the song in order to get to that part.

Tunewise, it's painfully similar to Fireflies (odd, that), but lyrically, well, I think it's meant to be deep and meaningful but that's not quite how it turned out because it's utter nonsense from start to finish. Some of the highlights include, 'Remember to live, because you're going to be thrilled to death' and 'Take a taste of the melting Milky Way.'

Yes reader, he's singing about sweets that you can eat between meals. Or something.

I'm not sure, really. It could be about space travel, it could be a love song, hell, it could even be a story about the history of Tyne Tees Television for all I know.

What I am sure of is that it's very quaint, very pleasant and reassuringly forgettable.

LIPSTICK

Jedward

QUITE frankly, if this paintbrush-haired duo were ever going to be suitable for anything, it would have to be the Eurovision Song Contest.

So, with that in mind here's the Irish entry. It's as naff as you'd expect, but it's fun and doesn't take itself seriously.

As a pop song, it's middling at best, but by Eurovision standards, it's a winner. At the very least, it deserves to finish way above Blue's entry.

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JANE TAYLOR

Tomorrow, 8.45pm

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Tickets £10, or £12 on the door.

EXPRESION CUBANA

Friday, 8pm

IF YOU love salsa or jazz, this one's for you. An amazing ten-piece Cuban band, with haunting tunes, great arrangements and the sort of feel that gets a whole street dancing.

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THE MISFITZ

Saturday, 8pm

YOUR local charity-covers band perform a wide range of songs old and new, including hits from Snow Patrol, Fleetwood Mac, KT Tunstall and lots more. All the proceeds will support three charities: Willen Hospice, The Stables' own Next Stage Appeal and Bosom Buddies for breast cancer.

Tickets £14.

LIVE JAZZ MATTERS

Sunday, 11.30am

ONCE a month Jazz Matters goes live in Stage 2 with music from invited artists, so come and enjoy some stunning live jazz on a Sunday morning.

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Feast of Fiddles

JEREMY HARDY

Sunday, 8pm

JEREMY Hardy has been a stand-up comic since 1984 and will be one until he dies or wins the Lottery. Jeremy is best known for his work on Radio 4, notably on The News Quiz, I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue and Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation. In 2010, he published a book, My Family and Other Strangers, chronicling his desperate search for interesting ancestors. May contain strong language and adult material. Suitable for age 16 plus.

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FEAST OF FIDDLES

Tuesday, 8pm

SIX of the UK's finest fiddle players in a band of 11. The 2011 tour marks the 18th year they've got together and the critical acclaim gets louder every year.

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Wednesday, April 20, 8.45pm

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SLUG AND LETTUCE — THEATRE DISTRICT

THERE IS A LIGHT

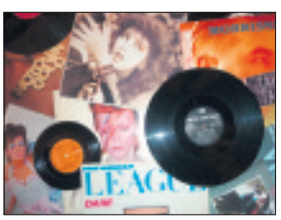
Friday, 9pm.

MUSIC lovers are set for a treat when a new alternative night kicks off at the Slug and Lettuce.

THERE IS A LIGHT launches on Friday, boasting the whole gamut of genres - indie, northern soul, electro, reggae, new romantic, rock 'n' roll and pop.

The sounds of the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s and 10s will be accompanied by a classy retro backdrop and enticing drinks deals.

For just £2 entry, music fans can dress up, dance, drink and delve into the decades, hearing bands



ranging from the Happy Mondays to The Sundays, via The Rolling Stones, Kate Bush, Little Richard, The Strokes, Dexys Midnight Runners, Suede, James Brown and many more.

As the name promises, proceedings at the city's premier alternative venue will conclude with the mournful tones of Morrissey and the eponymous Smiths song.

Organiser Jessica Cunniffe said: "THERE IS A LIGHT is founded on the principle that we are no longer defined by the music we listen to.

"We are not punks, mods, or glam rockers anymore – just music lovers."

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AVENUE Q

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"DAVID Bowie is really patient actually. You have to be when you are working with puppets."

Nigel Plaskitt recalls his time spent on the set of the 1986 smash-hit family film Labyrinth fondly, where he spent the majority of his time with his hand in the rear of some of the stars.

The film was a step on his career ladder towards becoming the current resident puppet consultant for the highly-successful UK production of Avenue Q - described as a puppet show, but not for children.

He started doing the voices on the 70s children's show Pipkins, until the producers asked him to do the puppetry.

He said: "I really had to learn on the job.

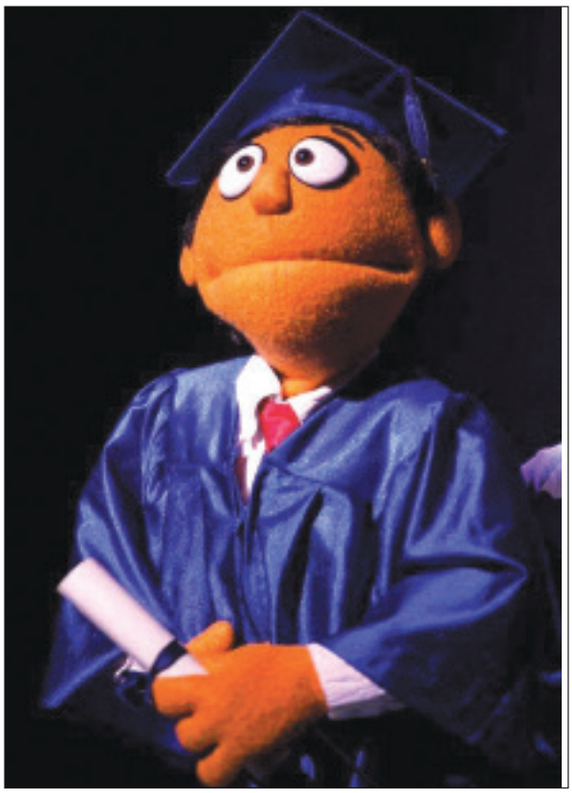
"While I was doing that, Jim Henson's company moved into the studio next door doing The Muppet Show. Then I started doing Spitting Image before joining Jim Henson.

"I did Labyrinth and Muppet's Treasure Island, before helping to set up productions around Europe, as well as Israel and Palestine.

"That's where I made my contact with Avenue Q - one of the guys was working on it in New York and when it came to London he recommended me."

The stage show was an instant hit in the West End and is now on its first tour of the UK.

"It's a comedy and a musical," Nigel said. "It's what happens to the characters after they leave a Sesame Street-type programme and enter real life.



"I had no idea how well this show would do - the perceived thought is it would run for around three months, but the word got round. I think there was some concern about taking it on tour, and whether it would only work in London, but they love it around the country."

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GARETH JONES EXHIBITION

Friday-June 26.

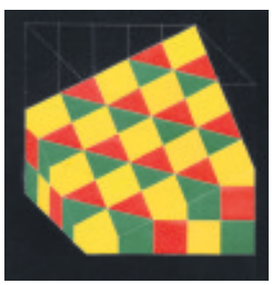
BRITISH artist Gareth Jones presents his first major solo exhibition in a public gallery.

Describing it as a retrospective of new work, Jones returns to earlier projects and filters them through his experience of growing up in Milton Keynes. He describes the new city as 'the most ambitious social project of its kind in the UK, a benchmark for Modernist architecture, progressive town planning and the radical ideals of the 1960s and 1970s.'

Jones' work engages with the politics of identity and display, examining how images were used to generate ideals for future living.

A preview of the exhibition will take place tomorrow at MK Gallery starting at 6pm with drinks and canapes until 10pm.

Gareth Jones has also curated a programme of talks, films and events to accompany his exhibition. All talks and film screenings start at 6.30pm and pre-booking is required. Talk tickets are free and film tickets cost £5 (concessions £3). To book call 01908 676900.



FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS

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TALKS

Thursday, May 5.

Derek Walker on the Milton Keynes Team

Hear Walker, chief architect and planner of Milton Keynes (1970-76) speak about the original Milton Keynes design team.

Thursday, May 26

What about having our future back?

DISCUSSION with architectural critic Owen Hatherley, architect Derek Walker and artists Liliane Lijn and Gareth Jones.

Thursday, June 9

Gareth Jones and Michael Bracewell in Conversation

HEAR artist Gareth Jones discuss his work with writer, novelist and cultural commentator Michael Bracewell.

Tuesday, June 21

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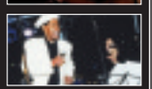
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Spring-cleaning can be fun!

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EVEN for the professionally non-house-proud, come April, there is something tantalising about sprucing up our homes and clearing out the clutter.

But what if you want to do more than wash the net curtains and dust behind the sideboard?

Since time began, the arrival of spring has prompted us to wake up, shape up and scrub up our homes and gardens nicely so that we can sit back and enjoy them for the rest of the year.

Easter is the busiest time of the year for home improvements so if you are rethinking the whole kit and kaboodle in your kitchen or planning to flush away those old, outworn ideas in your bathroom, check out our spring fresh suggestions.

Back in December when snow brought the country to a halt and the days never really got light at all who could have imagined sitting outside on a summer's evening until the last streaks of red have faded from the sky?

As the days get longer and the nights get warmer make the magical most of the outside space that you have.

With a little thought and creativity it's not too hard or costly to move seamlessly from winter into spring and spring into summer.

If it's all change in your home this Easter then here at MK NEWS we've got some handy hints to help you style your home and garden in line with the new season.

Let's be honest; it's a lot more fun than spring-cleaning!

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SINCE man (and woman) first made the most of the lighter evenings by sprucing up the cave paintings after a hard day's hunter-gathering, April has been the busiest time of year for home improvements.

In spring 2011 classic neutrals are still very much in vogue but there's a range of bright colours and elaborate print and patterns evident in the top collections this season.

The daring sculptural shapes of contemporary furniture and fittings in clear polycarbonate materials combined with stronger pop art colour palettes are pushing at the boundaries of design trends.

By mixing those strong colours with more muted tones the less confident among us can create a sophisticated mix without being too daring, while those with real courage can be brave and bold.

Some trends are already familiar. The Coastal theme is a favourite particularly if (as we do) you live a long way from the sea.

Distressed wood, wicker furniture and rope-detail accessories are paired with crisp and clean textiles in white and blue tones.

With its focus on the natural world, this look works just as well as an alfresco theme, so invest in hammocks and wooden-frame deckchairs to complete the fresh seaside feel.

Kitsch pastel colours and floral prints bring a vintage, 1950s feel to interior design.

With a focus on some nostalgic idyll of domestic life (tell that to the women who had to do all their washing by hand) and entertaining at home, retro-style baking accessories brighten up kitchen décor.

Floral prints supply a country cottage air while white-washed wicker accessories add the finishing touches to bedrooms and bathrooms.

Oriental style was big on the catwalk this year so watch out for a Chinese/Japanese influence in furniture, oriental prints and strong colours such as orange, pink, blue green and turquoise.

Utilitarian craftsmanship and traditional ethnic prints reflect the Puritan Folk trend. Rough textured materials contrasted with soft, silky textiles and exuberant colour, calmed by cool neutrals are evidence of the global influence in folk patterns from Morocco, South America and Russia.

Aztec-inspired geometric tiled prints, as well as beaded details, patchwork quilting and wall hangings, offer instant updates. If loud colours and busy patterns don't do it for you, there's always the classic look.

White, cream and beige tones on walls and textiles are contrasted with furniture in dark-stained woods and wrought iron. While minimalism is central to the theme, draped fabrics, plush linens and plump towels in deep smokey shades make for a luxurious finish.

For immediate 'wow' factor invest in a statement rug. There are some stunning examples with fantastically complex woven designs around. A rug is a great way to introduce pattern and colour to a room instantly and the really good thing is, if you move house you can just roll it up and take it with you!

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THESE days, going green at home doesn't mean painting the entire place the colour of spinach.

In 2011 the living room has to literally 'live up' to its reputation. It needs to be practical in design, attractive to look at and comfortable to relax in. No pressure then.

Eco-friendly flooring materials are becoming increasingly popular. Bamboo is in demand because of its attractive neutral tones and also because the wood is enduring, abundant and grows super fast.

Add colourful texture and warmth with big bright cushions or rugs made of recycled materials or natural fabrics.

Seating and storage options need to pay their way. Armchairs or sectional sofas that can be mixed and matched to suit different arrangements are back in vogue.

They need to be easy to take care of and eco-friendly as a bonus, as do storage items that can accommodate TV's, DVD players and surround sound systems.

Earthy tones are dominating living room design in 2011. Grey is this year's favourite neutral matched with shades of purple that range from deep, burgundy tinged aubergine to a pale, dusky lavender.

But if white and bright is right for you be daring and set off those clean walls with a splash of zinging colour such as shocking pink!

For the style-conscious, lighting is moving towards more mobile and accessible pieces. Continuing the eco-approach, there some terrific lamps and reading lights made out of recycled wood and plastic and there's no reason why you shouldn't decorate your walls with nature too.

Large statement scenes of plants, trees and flowers work very well in the contemporary living room and they can be as realistic or as abstract as you like.

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KITCHEN

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IT'S taken soul-searching, sleepless nights and weeks of financial planning but you've finally made the decision. You're going to have a new kitchen.

You can change the look of the rest of the house without too much major upheaval but this is the big one. You'll probably only remodel your kitchen once or twice over the years so it is really important to get it right and how you want it.

Your kitchen has to reflect your lifestyle which probably means that it will have to function on a number of different levels. But bear in mind that sometimes it pays to spend a little bit more so that the furniture and appliances you install will last without dating.

For those who love the idea of a country-style kitchen, natural wood, whether it's limed, stained, painted or waxed, offers plenty of potential to display pretty crockery and other kitchen accessories adding to the olde-worlde charm. And if you have the space, a scrubbed wooden table will serve multiple purposes as a food preparation worktop and a place around which to share good food, good conversation and good company.

A Shaker-inspired kitchen combines old and new by mixing the wood-dominated look of a traditional kitchen and the clean lines of a more contemporary one - the perfect choice for indecisive types!

Contemporary kitchen design is influenced by a need to keep appliances, fittings and accessories out of sight to enhance the crisp, clean lines of this look. Sleek is in. Mono shades sit comfortably within this style but this year, both peacock blue and purple are also proving popular.

A high gloss finish will maximise space and reflect light, but there's no compromise on functionality. Stainless steel appliances not only look stylish and sophisticated but also give the room a unified look and those silver clean lines signal top-end refrigerators, stoves and even rubbish bins.

'Fridges may be getting bigger and bigger but, as with electronic devices or wireless systems, built into walls or niches, new technologies make them virtually invisible.

A central island is a practical, space-saving element in any kitchen that can accommodate it. Granite, engineered stone or Corian (a man-made product) is easy to keep clean and beautiful to look at.

Sheet vinyl is the easiest flooring to keep clean but you can't beat reclaimed hardwood or natural stone for beauty and style.

Lighting is hugely important so worth taking time to plan. You'll need it light and bright for certain tasks but kinder for more relaxed dining or socialising.

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It is the interchange section between sleeping and waking, activity and rest - whether we're taking a refreshing shower to prepare us for the day ahead or a long, relaxing soak after an exhausting one. So what do we need from this all-important space?

Functionality obviously but thereafter there's no reason why you can't indulge your whims and fancies just as you would in any other room of the house.

If you are planning a bathroom makeover, this season's style is predominantly minimal. Soft and soothing lines with natural materials remain key.

If your budget allows, go for products with longevity and high quality combined with traditional workmanship; a mix of contemporary classic design with a sense of luxury.

It sounds like a contradiction in terms but neutral colours are still strong. This year has seen the emergence of a sophisticated subtle palette of muted earthy tones in greys, grassy greens, aubergine and stone. But introduce a daring splash of vibrant colour for a modern twist on the spa-at-home theme.

As for bathroom furniture, modular remains the most popular choice and it can be pieced together to create the exact look you want.

But there will always be a market for quality bespoke floor-standing pieces in warm woods or muted tones.

If you're a sucker for a lovely hot bath before bed, free standing tubs remain strong contenders for that touch of luxury and relaxation.

Part tiling is a strong trend; combine simple splash-backs with fully tiled feature walls in contrast to painting remaining walls in a complementary or statement colour.

LED lighting remains the top choice for ambience and boutique styling but consider light 'layers' - light from different sources - controlled separately to create different effects.

A warm, fluffy bath sheet, toasting nicely on a towel rail is bliss but for a funkier looking heat source designer radiators now come in amazing shapes and finishes including wood and glass and in colours that include soft greys, creams, white and metallic finishes.

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Waking up to **spring**

Peeping out from under the winter bed covers what do we find? Spring has arrived, the clocks have gone forward and now is the perfect time to think about giving your bedroom a contemporary, refreshed look - just in time for spring.

After months of tupperware grey skies it makes sense to keep the overall decor of your bedroom light, bright and fuss free in colour. This will create a cool and fresh feel for the hot days ahead and will work well with mirrored, neutral and pastel-shaded furniture and furnishings.

Billowing fabrics such as ivory or stone silks are like a breath of fresh air in the bedroom. Introduce deeper colours, such as sage, nutmeg or a dusky rose to create an organic vibe and provide stylish definition.

To create contrast, this season you can't go wrong with purple. From smoky dark plum to the palest delicate lavender nothing is off limits.

You can go warm and cozy or soothing and cool. But try and seek out paint that is environmentally friendly and has low VOC's (Volatile Organic Compounds can vaporise at room temperature causing harm to our health and to the environment).

LED lighting is everywhere. Fixtures are subtle and are often made of recycled material such as glass or paper. The look is sleek, contemporary and attractive and, even nicer, LEDs are extremely cost effective.

Natural light is even cheaper! And it's good for you. If you've got skylights or large panes of glass give them a good spring clean to let the sunshine in.

As for furniture, don't be afraid of combining the old with the new. The idea is to mix and match different styles, woods and textures while always working with the same tones (ie all pieces in white or dark wood).

The simple, clean lines of chairs and benches can look stunning with the addition of cushions that are rich in texture and bold in colour.

Mirrors have a dual purpose; as well as being decorative they open up smaller spaces and bounce sunlight around the room. By placing a mirror opposite a doorway or window, the reflected light increases the perceived spaciousness of the room.

Crisp white bed linen and eco-friendly cottons decorated with trailing flower patterns, bold leaf prints or even strong blocks of this season's colours will look chic during the day and feel gorgeous come night-time.

If you're considering a major refurb on the floor then there are some beautiful renewable woods and eco-friendly carpets and rugs on the market.

Carpets in particular are being made from recycled materials and have low amounts of toxic dye in them.

Focus on a neutral carpet and a rug in a complementary colour.
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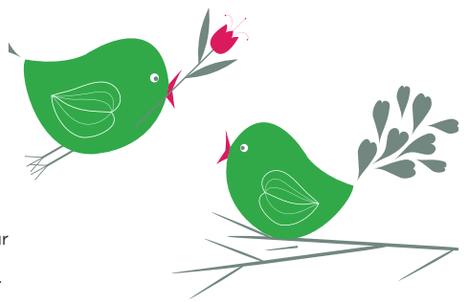

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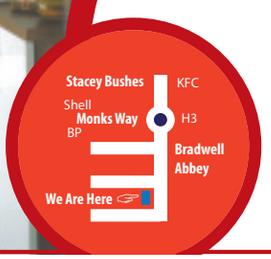

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As the space needs to be task-orientated its design will be governed by practical considerations. But multi-purpose can end up being mega-chaos if you're not careful so you want to strike the right balance between domesticity and function.

Studies often double as the guest bedroom so it's more than likely the existing furniture will include a sofa bed or a futon.

However, unless you've got sluggish guests who won't stop snoring when you are trying to work, that needn't be a problem. It's good for the brain and for the body to get up, move around and change seat from time to time.

Good, bright lighting is vital. It will be easier to work in and feel less cramped even if space is at a premium.

If screen glare from the window causes problems on the computer a blind will keep direct sunlight out, while still allowing daylight in.

Of course, sockets for power, phone and TV points will govern the placement of the furniture.

Storage - and plenty of it - is important along with a desk that won't dominate the room.

Calming colours such as greens, soft browns or pale blues all help keep a busy space soothing.

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At home - in the garden

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But what do you need from your garden? Do you need space for drying washing; growing vegetables; do you need room for a greenhouse or shed? What about a safe play area for children; a secure place for dogs; a place in which to entertain and relax? Is it a working plot or a peaceful haven that you're after?

A good place to start is to draw an aerial plan of your garden noting anything that cannot be changed or moved such as big trees, large sheds and other buildings. Then you can think about creating zones - plants can be used as effective screens to block out the more ugly and unsightly elements.

If you love to cook and entertain alfresco a permanent barbecue area could be right for you. But think carefully about where you site it - the neighbours won't thank you if the smoke blows straight in through their French windows or onto their freshly laundered washing hanging out to dry.

Oh, and keep it away from anything that you might set alight such as fences. Global warming might not yet have reached your garden so how about raising the temperature artificially?

They may not pack quite the same thermal punch but chimneas are cosy, more environmentally sound and look nicer than the modern metal heaters. Create atmosphere and interesting shadows by adding subtle lighting along pathways or under statement plants or ornaments.

Hang little lanterns in trees and burn huge church candles inside floor-sited lanterns. Even simple jam jars with tea lights are effective but watch out - they get hot! Seating is important.

A mix of permanent and temporary is ideal. You can enjoy the convenience of benches or cast concrete seating all year round but you will need to store your designer furniture away from the damaging effects of rain, wind and frosts in the winter.

If minimalist and clean lines are what you want from an outside space consider adding smooth reflective surfaces, modern accessories, a Japanese planting scheme and a water feature to get that stylish 'zen' effect. Straight symmetrical walkways through your garden lend themselves to a contemporary design.

For a more traditional approach introduce meandering gravel pathways or stepping stones across the lawn and bark chippings, hanging baskets, traditional furniture and big bold bushes of colourful plants.

However you decide to develop your garden it makes sense for it to fit in with the style of your indoor living space. Ideally it will be a seamless extension to your home and one in which you can make the most of the light nights, the warmer weather and yes, the alfresco life.

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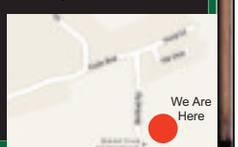

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However unpredictable our English weather is, there's enough evidence to suggest that water is fast becoming a precious resource.
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Right on trend this summer is the wild lawn. It's more environmentally-friendly and, as long as you have the right kind of grass, you'll only need to mow it once or twice a month.

You can't hurry a garden. Unless you've got a team of BBC Ground Force heavies to come and give it an instant makeover it could take years to get your plot just the way you want it.

But there are a few tricks of the trade you can bear in mind. Hot colours, such as reds, orange, bright yellow and even brilliant white will jump out at you.

They will make a large space more intimate and a small garden feel even tinier. Cool colours - blues, soft pinks and lilacs mimic that atmospheric 'blue remembered hills' haze.

Plant up flowers, shrubs and bushes in those colours round the perimeter and it will make your garden feel bigger.

Similarly, painting fences in muted hues will add to the perception of receding boundaries.

You can borrow a few tips in perspective from painters by running a path straight down the centre of your garden that gradually narrows as it reaches the back fence. Or clip a hedge so that it diminishes in height the further away from you it gets.

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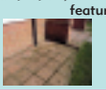
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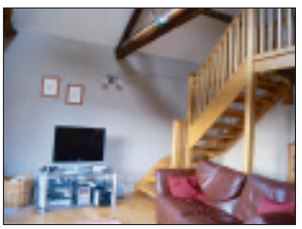

Hartwell

- Glorious Character Home
- Approximately 1/3 Acre Plot
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Large Private Rear Garden
- Electric Gated Access
- Ample Off Road Parking

£625,000

Hanslope

- Modern stone built detached home
- Five bedrooms • Two en suites
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room & utility
- Double garage • South Westerly facing garden
- Off road parking

£625,000

Old Farm Park

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Room
- Dressing Room • En Suite
- Gardens
- Double Garage

£390,000

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Downhead Park £122,500

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Communal Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Oldbrook £139,950

- Three/four bedroom townhouse
- Bedroom one with shower area
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- No upper chain

Broughton £225,000

- Five Bedroom Terraced House
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Two Ensuites
- Rear Garden and Garage

Oldbrook £185,000

- Four bedroom detached
- Lounge and Dining room
- Kitchen and Utility room
- Cloakroom
- Single garage
- Gardens

Two Mile Ash £160,000

- Four Bedroom House
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Gardens
- Off Road parking

Heelands £110,000

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Vacant Possession
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Heelands £142,950

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge and Kitchen/diner
- Gardens to front and rear
- Driveway providing off road parking
- Garage

Fishermead £95,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Parking

Broughton £75,000

- 50% Shared Ownership
- Ground Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Coffee Hall £106,000

- One Bedroom bungalow
- Coffee Hall Area
- Reception Room
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Caldecotte £270,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Conservatory
- Refitted Kitchen
- Master Ensuite
- Front And Rear Garden
- Garage

Monkston £95,000 + £6,000

- Semi detached home
- Lounge/diner and Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Gardens to front and rear
- Garage and off road parking

Tattenhoe £191,995

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage

Stantonbury Fields £180,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Driveway and Garage
- Landscaped Rear Garden

Oldbrook OIEO £162,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen and Lounge
- Conservatory/Family Room
- Shower Room
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

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Furzton OIEO £190,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Gardens
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Coffee Hall OIEO £120,000

- Much Improved
- Four Bedroom
- Terraced Property
- Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Eaglestone OIEO £125,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Rear Garden
- Garage

Great Linford £320,000

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Bradwell Common £200,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Link Detached Property
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Gardens

Wavendon OIEO £210,000

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Refitted Ensuite to Master
- Garage & Allocated Parking

Milton Keynes £97,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Utility Room
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ensuite
- Bathroom

Broughton OIEO £127,500

- Stunning First Floor Maisonette
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Garage & No Upper Chain

Bradwell £40,000 + £5,000

- Shared Ownership
- Two Bedrooms
- Ground floor Maisonette
- Lounge and Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

Tinkers Bridge £320,000

- Unique and spacious Four/Six Bedroom Bungalow
- Self contained annexe
- Master with en suite and dressing room
- Conservatory
- Three reception rooms
- Gardens and Off road parking

Wavendon Gate Guide Price £150,000

- Two Double Bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking

Heelands £142,995

- Refurbished Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Conservatory
- Larger than usual Corner Plot

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Wolverton £65,000

• Top Floor Apartment
• Two Bedrooms
• Lounge/Kitchen Area
• Master Bedroom Ensuite
• Allocated Parking Space
• Shared Ownership

Wolverton Guide £160,000

• Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• Victorian Terrace
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing (where specified)
• Viewing Recommended

Public Notice

5 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK11 1JW. We would advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £157,500. Any person wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents in writing within 7 days of this advertisement. Agent: Taylors Estate Agents. Address: 36 High Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK11 1AF. Telephone number: 01908 563825

Fullers Slade Offers Over £110,000

• End of Terrace
• Three Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Lounge/Diner
• Gardens
• Off Road parking

Wolverton OIEO £125,000

• End of terrace property
• Two bedrooms
• Lounge
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Family bathroom
• Rear garden

Greenleys £215,000

• Detached
• Four Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Utility Room
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Conservatory
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Garage

Deanshanger Offers Over £200,000

• Well Presented
• Four Bedrooms
• Detached Property
• Refitted Kitchen
• Refitted Bathroom
• Conservatory

Stony Stratford £250,000

• Terraced Property
• Three Bedrooms
• Lounge/Diner
• Refitted Kitchen
• Refitted Bathroom
• Off Road Parking
• Garden

Wolverton Guide Price £139,995

• Two Bedroom
• Terraced Home
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Rear Garden
• Off Road Parking
• No Upper Chain
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Wolverton OIEO £150,000

• Three Bedroom
• Mid Terrace
• Double Glazing
• Two Reception Rooms
• Refitted Kitchen
• Cellar and Shower Room
• No Upper Chain

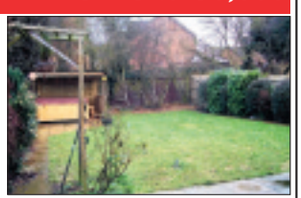
Old Stratford £225,000

• Extended Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Conservatory
• Refitted Kitchen
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Garage
• Off Road Parking

Yardley Gobion £375,000

• Detached Property
• Four Bedrooms
• Refitted Cloakroom
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Conservatory
• Refitted Kitchen
• Ensuite to Master
• Refitted Bathroom

Bradville OIEO £250,000



• Four Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Conservatory
• Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Utility Room
• Ensuite
• Rear Garden

Hanslope £200,000

• Very Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• Victorian Style Terrace
• Refitted Kitchen
• Refitted Bathroom
• No Upper Chain

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Racecourses OIEO £190,000

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Three/Four Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

Furzton £325,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Cloakroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted Ensuite
- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Cottingham Grove Guide £225,000

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Rivers Estate OIEO £155,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Popular Location
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Boasts An Secluded Rear Garden
- Garage

Scotts Estate £140,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Far Bletchley Guide £265,000

- Extended Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen & Cloakroom
- En Suite & Dressing Room to Master
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Bletchley £130,000

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Diner/Lounge
- Dinette/Study
- Outbuilding
- Front and Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating

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Whalley Drive OIRO £205,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Seprate WC
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

Bletchley Guide £130,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

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17 Conway Crescent, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6AR. We have recieved an offer of £127,000 on the above property.
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House of The Week £297,000

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Study
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Garage
- Rear Garden

Eaton Mill £206,995

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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Furzton £325,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Cloakroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted Ensuite
- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage

Oxley Park £220,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage

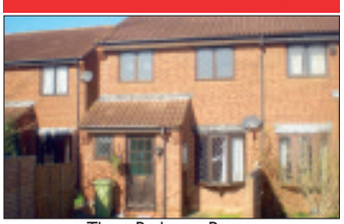
Grange Farm £280,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Study
- Kitchen/Diner
- Driveway and Garage
- Rear Garden

Westcroft £290,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage

Furzton £150,000



- Three Bedroom Property
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Public Notice

We have received an offer of £170,000 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

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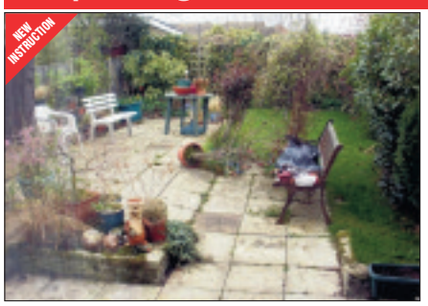
Newport Pagnell £150,000



- End Of Terrace Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Lounge
- Wet Room
- Gardens to Front & Rear
- Garage In Block

East Street £185,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Lavendon £300,000

- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- En suite
- Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Newport Pagnell £175,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Allocated Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £160,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Terrace
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Bozeat £285,000

- Detached family home
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen and utility
- En suite to master bedroom
- First floor study
- Detached double garage
- Gardens and off road parking

Lavendon £189,995

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Bathrrom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

Newport Pagnell £140,000

- Two Bedrooms
- 1st Floor Flat
- Open Plan
- Lounge/Diner/Kitchen
- Bathroom

Silver Street £160,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Sought After Location
- Gas To Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Courtyard Garden

Lavendon £175,000

- End Of Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Siding Onto Open Countryside
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage with off road parking

Harrold £199,950

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Rear Lobby
- Cloakroom
- Bathroom
- En suite
- Rear Garden

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- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room/Study
- Kitchen/Diner
- En Suite
- Bathroom
- Driveway

Wollaston O.I.E.O £140,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- En suite
- Front & Rear Garden

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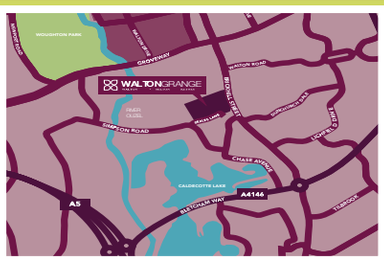

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- Internal photos from a similar development.

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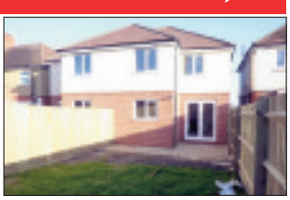
- Master bedroom has large dormer window
- Walking distance to Kingston Centre

NEW IN LAVENDON VILLAGE £189,995



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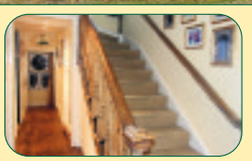

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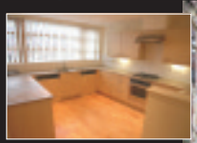

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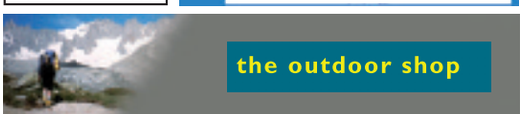

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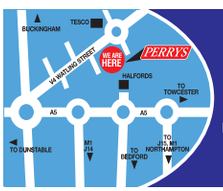

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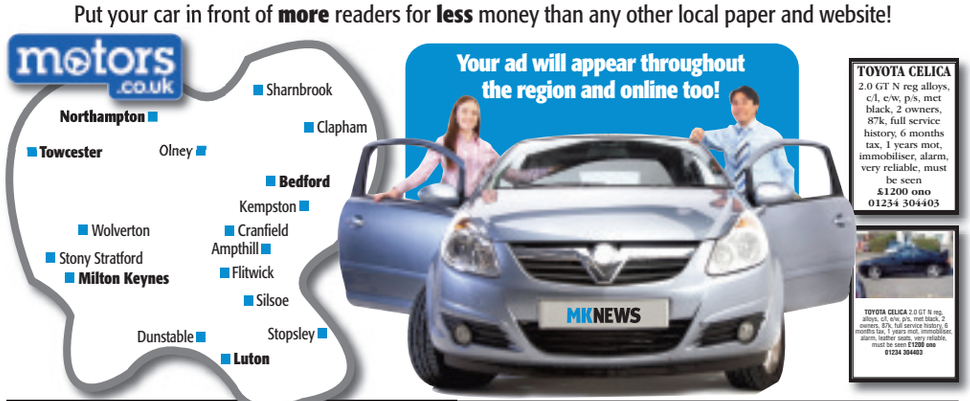

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August

7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC)	H	1-1
	(Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)		
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
5	Sheff Wed	A	2-2
12	Brentford	H	1-1
15	Leyton Orient	H	2-3
19	Hartlepool	A	1-0
22	Oldham	H	0-0
26	Brighton	H	1-0

March

5	Rochdale	A	4-1
8	Charlton	H	2-0
12	Colchester	A	3-1
21	Peterborough	H	1-0
25	Walsall	H	1-1

April

2	Southampton	A	2-3
9	Carlisle	H	3-2
16	Swindon	A	
22	Huddersfield	H	
25	Plymouth	A	
30	Notts County	H	

May

7	Oldham	A	

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

ALTHOUGH it wasn't one of our best performances of the season on Saturday, it was certainly a big win for us.

After Southampton beat us the week before, coming back from two goals down, their fans and staff were saying how that was a defining moment in their season, that they could use to kick-on and make a push for promotion, and I think the same can be said for us on Saturday.

We've proved we've got the right stuff for promotion now.

Powell got a very good goal again, but when Carlisle went in front, it looked like one of those games where we weren't going to do well.

But when the other results were coming in and we heard the teams around us were losing, we knew we had to do well.

The subs that came on gave us a real lift like they did for Southampton the week before, and Angelo Balanta came back to score a good goal.

And the lads didn't settle for a draw when it was two each - it ended up being a really fantastic end to the game for us.

We pushed and pushed, and we showed our quality as in the end it was a really good move that got us the goal - Dean Lewington put in a smashing cross, and it was of the quality that anyone could have got on the end of, but Adam Clayton got himself into a great position and managed to get his foot on it.

This win gives us a real boost and the lads showed what it meant to them with their celebration at the end, when David Martin ran the length of the pitch to join in with the others.

We are feeling very confident and looking forward to every game from now until the end of the season.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME				AWAY						
1	Brighton	40	16	4	0	47	14	10	5	5	26	15	44	87
2	Southampton	39	13	4	3	38	12	9	4	6	34	21	39	74
3	Huddersfield	41	11	7	3	32	16	10	4	6	32	24	24	74
4	Peterborough	41	13	4	3	60	37	8	4	9	34	31	26	71
5	MK Dons	41	13	5	3	32	19	7	3	10	29	35	7	68
6	Bournemouth	41	12	5	4	44	21	5	7	8	22	26	19	63
7	Rochdale	40	8	7	4	30	24	8	6	7	24	21	9	61
8	Leyton Orient	40	11	5	4	35	21	5	7	8	28	34	8	60
9	Exeter	41	9	5	6	35	30	7	5	9	24	37	-8	58
10	Colchester	41	11	6	4	35	28	4	6	10	15	24	-2	57
11	Brentford	40	9	4	8	23	24	7	3	9	23	26	-4	55
12	Charlton	41	9	5	6	26	27	5	7	9	31	33	-3	54
13	Hartlepool	41	9	4	8	29	29	6	5	9	15	29	-14	54
14	Carlisle	40	8	7	5	30	22	6	3	11	23	31	0	52
15	Oldham	41	7	8	6	27	28	5	7	8	21	26	-6	51
16	Sheff Wed	41	8	5	7	32	26	6	3	12	27	36	-3	50
17	Yeovil	40	6	4	9	18	24	7	4	10	25	34	-15	47
18	Tranmere	40	7	4	8	22	24	5	6	10	21	32	-13	46
19	Dag & Red	40	7	6	8	25	26	4	5	10	20	30	-11	44
20	Bristol Rovers	41	6	5	10	21	32	5	5	10	22	42	-31	43
21	Notts County	39	9	1	10	22	21	3	5	11	17	30	-12	42
22	Walsall	40	7	2	10	26	30	3	8	10	21	35	-18	40
23	Swindon	41	5	9	6	19	22	3	5	13	27	42	-18	38
24	Plymouth	40	8	4	8	24	26	5	3	12	22	38	-18	36

Not including last night's games

Grip on play-off place tightening

FROM BACK PAGE

Trophy final, with Noble stepping in for front man Ben Marshall.

Most active in the opening stages for Dons was Marsh-Brown, and the first real chance of the game fell to him on three minutes. He connected with Dean Lewington's smart pass with a fine run into the danger area, jinked around a hapless defender before unleashing a right-footed shot which was headed away by Matty Robson.

Carlisle's right-back Frank Simek then made a run down the right flank, his centred ball finding Noble, who squared it to Craig Curran on the left of the six-yard area. Unchallenged, he squandered the chance, rolling a harmless ball across the face of goal.

Thirty seconds later, Dons were ahead. In a swift counter attack, a long-range cross from Marsh-Brown found Daniel Powell unmarked inside the six-yard box. His clever first touch brought the ball under control, his second beat Adam Collin low to his left.

Then a free kick on 24 minutes was launched into Collin's box from the right. It found a defender's head, before falling to Lewington who was brought down five yards outside the area. The resulting free kick was easily plucked out of the air by Collin.

Despite Dons beginning to take control, they were dealt a hammer blow against the run of play. Carlisle were pushing as a unit, and with Dons backing off, the seemingly innocuous Liam Noble drilled a low shot from 30 yards out, which somehow found its way into Martin's net.

Marsh-Brown continued to impress, and Lewington continued to push down the right, a constant thorn in the side of Carlisle's midfield.

Dons were quickly out of the box in the second half, with Luke Chadwick, who seemed to brighten up after a fairly ineffectual first half, becoming too much for Carlisle's defence to handle.

Carlisle's defence could still not handle Marsh-Brown, the youngster's clever feet a constant source of danger for the men in red, finding openings and drawing dangerous tackles.

But then, for all their good pressure, Dons shot themselves in the foot. Carlisle broke quickly, and clever footwork from Francois Zoko fooled O'Hanlon, who brought him down inside the box. Berrett's penalty was fired low to Martin's right, and beyond his fingertips.

Dons then continued where they had left off before the penalty, with sub Jabo Ibhere starting to cause trouble in the middle of the park.

Parity was restored on 80 minutes. A free kick 25 yards outside the area was launched in by Adam Clayton to the far side, finding Angelo Balanta completely unmarked to head home.

What commenced then was an energetic and frantic game in which Dons could have scored three or four times.

Continuing to pour forward, a low shot from Clayton whipped past Collin's left-hand post by inches. On 85 minutes, Marsh-Brown again found himself in acres of space, this time on the right of the box, only to see his shot soar over the crossbar.

Finally, in injury time, Dons' pressure paid off. The box was packed with white shirts when a low drive from the left from Lewington found its way to Clayton three yards out, who dutifully passed it into the net.

Angelo Balanta celebrates his second-half equaliser

TEAMS

MK DONS
Martin, Lewington, Kouo-Doumbe, O'Hanlon, Gleeson, Vine (Ibhere, 63), Woodards (Clayton, 38), Marsh-Brown, Leven, Chadwick (Balanta, 69), Powell.
Subs: Searle, Guy, Chicksen, Flanagan.

CARLISLE
Collin, Simek, Michalik, Murphy, Robson, Noble, Taiwo, Thirlwell, Berrett (Madden 83), Zoko, Curran.
Subs: Gillespie, Livesey, Loy, Bowman, McKenna, Wells.
Referee: Andy D'Urso (Essex)

Attendance: 10,795

COMING UP

Swindon Town
League One
Saturday, April 16
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A FLUKE of fixtures meant that Swindon played the other Johnstone's Paint Trophy finalist last weekend and like the Dons they came out with a single goal win.

Calvin Andrew's late strike gave Town their first win in 19 but still leaves them in the drop zone.

Karl Robinson will be hoping that Gary MacKenzie and Sam Baldock have recovered from knocks that left them out on Saturday.

He will also have to wait to see if Danny Woodards recovers from his injury against Carlisle.

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NORTHAMPTON Saints' scrum half Lee Dickson went over the line on Sunday at stadiummk to secure an important win over Ulster in the Heineken Cup, as well as a semi-final tie against Perpignan to be played at the same venue on May 1.

To read about Saints fans' big day out, turn to pages 26 and 27

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning dump champs only to be shot down by Flames

MK Lightning 3
Manchester Phoenix 2

LIGHTNING shocked league champions Manchester Phoenix on Saturday at Coventry Skydome earning a championship play-off semi-final win after overtime and a place in the final.

In a closely-fought first period neither side was able to make anything of the few powerplay chances they were afforded with Phoenix having a man advantage on two occasions and Michael Wales was sin binned for slashing.

The first goal was scored by Lightning on 30 minutes, three seconds and struck for a second time after 33 minutes.

No penalties were called during the second period until the 58th minute when both Adam Carr and Marcus Kristofferson were penalised for roughing and cross checking respectively.

Lightning looked to be heading for the final until Curtis Huppe set up Pavel Gomeniuk to cut the gap on 58 minutes, 48 seconds.

But it was not to be for Phoenix with Leigh Jamieson sending Lightning into the final with a goal only 19 seconds from the end of overtime.

MK Lightning 3
Guildford Flames 5

GUILDFORD took the final piece of silverware for the season on Sunday with a 5-3 win in the championship final at Coventry Skydome.

But Lightning staged a great fight back after going 3-1 behind with 34 seconds of the first period remaining.

They were first to score after five minutes but Flames struck back swiftly and scored after six minutes.

The Surrey side then went in front on the powerplay scoring after 11 minutes and again from close range after 19 minutes, 26 seconds.

But in the second session Lightning's Lukas Zatopek blasted in with Gary Clarke there to deflect the puck into the net after 28 minutes.

In the final ten minutes Zatopek then smashed the puck into the goal and Blaz Emersic, taking the rebound, scored at 50 minutes.

But that was the end of the great comeback with Martin Masa conceding a penalty shot giving Flames the lead.

With 62 seconds remaining goalie Barry Hollyhead was withdrawn for the extra skater and within 13 seconds Rempel put away the fifth goal for Flames into the empty net.

Action from Sunday's final Pic Jez Tibbetts

Bletchley move fifth off bottom after gritty draw

RUGBY

Swanage and Wareham 20
Bletchley 20

UNDER pressure to get two results out of their remaining two games to ensure their place in the league for next season, Bletchley secured a valuable two points in their first draw of the season.

Bletchley struck first, with number eight Dagan Probert making a break from the back of the scrum to carve through the defence, the ball eventually finding centre George Harman who scored behind the posts.

Swanage scored next, with the first half finishing 10-7 to Swanage.

With 15 minutes to go, a Bletchley forward was sin binned for dissent, allowing Swanage to go ten points ahead with another try.

But Bletchley stormed back immediately from the kick off, with Probert dummying the defence to score.

They then managed to force Swanage to concede a penalty more than 50 metres from the home side's posts, which Phil Harman spectacularly kicked for a dramatic finale.

When the full results came in, Bletchley had done enough to move up into fifth place from the bottom.

Witney 50
Olney 14

OLNEY made a bus trip to Witney for their last away league fixture of the season and seemed to suffer as a result, getting heavily beaten.

Olney's tries came from second row Liam Lancaster and winger Johnathan Bryce, with the two conversions by fly half Mark Marwood.

The first XV have their last league fixture this Saturday at home against Buckingham and can expect another tough game after they beat High Wycombe at the weekend 60-14.

BASKETBALL

Lions plunder Pirates but are cast adrift against Rocks

MK Lions 110
Essex Pirates 104

YOUNG Lions made easy work of Essex Pirates as they scored 95 of the 110 points in the 110-104 win on Friday.

Lions led for the first half with 40-35, logging 38 of the 200 minutes available. Stefan Gill opened the scoring on the way to 37 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and five steals. Lawrence Brown soon got in on the act as the home side quickly led 8-4. After Yorick Williams and Connor Washington moved the score on, the visitors rallied and took the lead at the buzzer 15-16.

Brown hit one off the glass then Jack Thompson hit a three as the home side went back in front.

Cameron Bernard came off the bench with Ishmael Fontaine and was immediately active hitting five points right away. When Brown nailed a 15 footer the Lions led 40-35 at the half.

In the second half Myers racked up fouls straight away but nailed seven points while Clark hit ten points on sweet jumpers. When Thompson hit again, the Lions ended the third 77-68. And despite a late flurry from the visitors, Lions triumphed.

Glasgow Rocks 89
MK Lions 72

GLASGOW Rocks confirmed their sixth place finish in the BBL Championship after beating the Lions 89-72 on Sunday.

The Rocks led by 25 points and nine rebounds from Mike Copeland, while Nick Livas had a massive game with 15 points, 11 rebounds, seven assists and four steals. Demarius Bolds was the only Lion to score in double-figures, leading all scorers with 29 points.

The teams could not be separated at 21-21 after the opening ten minutes and the pattern continued early in the second as the teams reached 27-27 before consecutive scores from Copeland and Fantazia gave the Rocks an edge of 45-37 at the half.

In the opening minutes of the second half Copeland pushed the Rocks' advantage out to 57-43. They made another 6-0 push before the end of the third, and led 72-54 on Copeland's basket with nine seconds remaining.

The Rocks saw the game out in the fourth with 82-58 with six minutes remaining, despite Lions making a late run helping them get as close as 87-72.

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Adam Clayton knocks in the winner against Carlisle on Saturday

Never-say-die Dons

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A DRAMATIC injury time winner clinched all three points for MK Dons and boosted their hopes of promotion.

Following last week's 3-2 loss against Southampton, in which Dons let slip a two goal lead, boss Karl Robinson said in his pre-match notes that the team needed to act on their errors, eradicate them and respond when they are dealt a blow.

And it was looking like a silly error might have cost them two points again until an Adam Clayton injury time tap-in secured a deserved three points.

After leading 1-0 in the first half, Dons first let Liam Noble fire home a 30-yard shot, then Sean O'Hanlon was beaten all ends up to bring down Francois Zoko in the box and give away a penalty which James Berrett gratefully put away.

But it was relief all round after Angelo Balanta scored a header ten minutes from time, and Clayton put away his goal at the death.

Last week's two scorers were both out of the team for Dons, with Keanu Marsh-Brown starting up front for the injured Sam Baldock and O'Hanlon starting in place of Gary MacKenzie who picked up an ankle knock in training mid week.

Carlisle made one change from the side that beat Brentford in the Johnstone's Paint

TURN TO PAGE 84

'Impeccable' Vettel is too hot to handle

SEBASTIAN Vettel maintained his perfect start to the new Formula One season with another crushing victory in Malaysia.

The reigning world champion has performed impeccably over the past two weeks, with none of his rivals able to hold a candle to the German and his Red Bull team.

But he is level-headed enough to appreciate that a perfect start to the season does not guarantee him another world title.

Vettel has so far not put a wheel out of place in taking pole-to-flag wins in his two races, to secure a perfect maximum of 50 points.

"Two out two is perfect, it couldn't be any better," said Vettel. "At the moment things are looking good, but there is still a very long way to go.

"The championship is far away and there are a lot of points still to get, so we have to keep our feet on the ground.

"Of course, we worked hard over the winter to get to this position and we can be very proud of ourselves.

"If this is the reward there is no problem putting even harder work in. We cannot stop pushing."

Vettel and Red Bull are fully aware of the gains McLaren have made in such a short period of time.

Lewis Hamilton was just a tenth of a second off Vettel in qualifying, while Jenson Button was 3.2 seconds adrift at the end of the race, although in truth the young German eased off the gas late on.

"We have seen how close it is, much closer than in Australia, so that's how quickly things can change," added Vettel. "We have to keep our heads cool, keep working, keep pushing, but I am not worried to be honest.

"All the guys know this is the only way forward, so for now we all can enjoy and be very proud. I don't think I could be happier right now, but straight away we start preparing for the next race in China (on Sunday) and we will see how we get on there."

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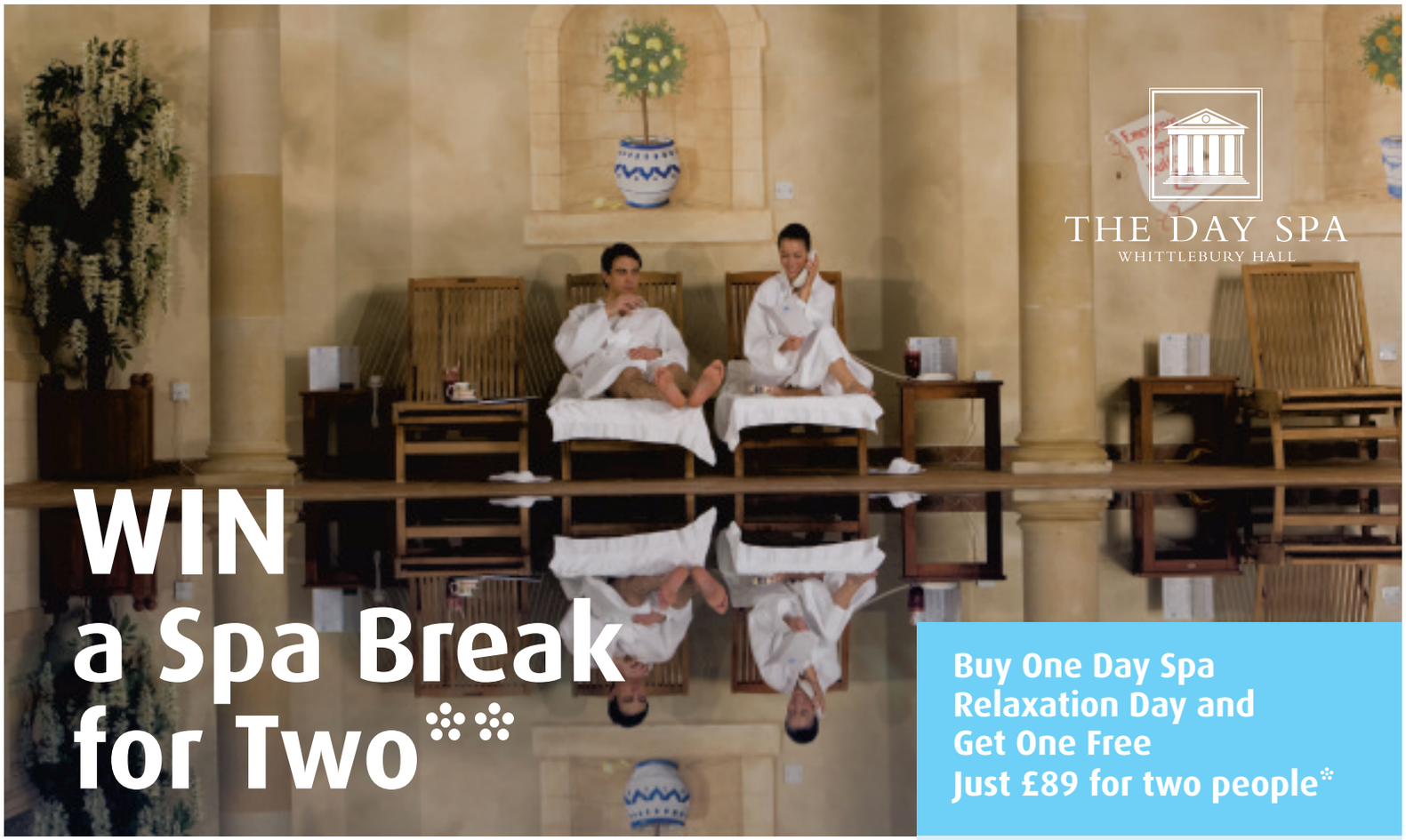

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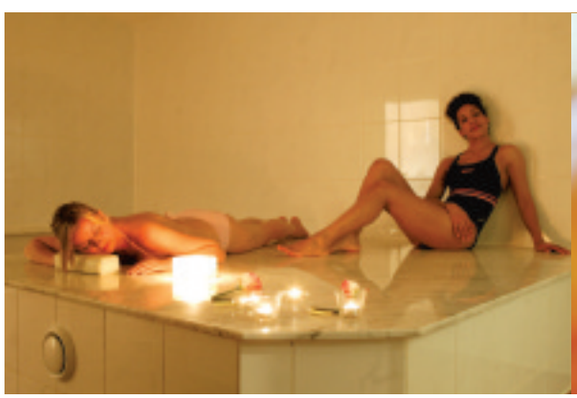

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